

MODULIGN

Public Commitment Documents
Privacy Commitment · Governance Roadmap

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DOCUMENT 1

Modulign Privacy Commitment

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What Modulign Is and Is Not

Modulign is a classification standard — a grammar for assigning addresses to observable phenomena. It does not operate cameras. It does not collect surveillance footage. It does not monitor individuals. It does not build profiles of people's movements, behaviors, or associations.

Modulign provides a structured address format that existing observation systems can use to classify what they have already observed. The classification system does not create the observation. It addresses it.

A street sign does not surveil anyone. It gives locations addresses. Modulign gives observations addresses. What is observed, and by whom, and under what legal authority, is governed by laws entirely separate from and prior to Modulign.

The Residential Domain — Consent Requirements

The Modulign Standard's RES (Residential/Private Life) domain carries a classification note that no other domain carries:

RES DOMAIN — MANDATORY NOTE

Strict consent requirements apply.

This is not aspirational language.

Any observation classified under RES without documented consent of the observed party is not a valid Modulign classification. It is a violation of the Standard's compliance requirements, regardless of whether a technically well-formed code string can be produced.

The Standard does not enforce this requirement. The law of every jurisdiction on Earth already does. Modulign's consent requirement aligns with and does not exceed existing privacy law. Any implementer who uses Modulign to classify non-consensual observations of private spaces is violating applicable law first and the Standard's compliance requirements second.

What the Standard Cannot Be Used For

The Modulign Standard's boundary conditions (Section 30 of v3.0) are permanent and cannot be amended by version updates. Modulign cannot and does not classify:

- First-person conscious experience, subjective mental states, or private thoughts — these are outside the scope of observable reality as defined in §30.2
- Inferences about intent, emotion, or belief drawn from observed behavior — these are derivation steps governed by separate epistemic acts, not by Modulign classification
- Observations made without legal authority in jurisdictions where such authority is required
- Abstract mathematical truths, logical relations, or purely definitional claims — §30.1
- Purely relational abstract entities — §30.3

The ^PROV Exclusionary Rule

Any Modulign classification that does not meet the Standard's epistemic requirements — including observer competence annotation and confidence threshold — is automatically marked ^PROV (provisional).

^PROV EXCLUSIONARY RULE

^PROV classifications are explicitly excluded from legal proceedings until reviewed by a qualified observer.

This is a self-enforcing exclusionary rule built into the Standard. Evidence that does not meet the epistemic bar is affirmatively labeled as such — not silently admitted.

Governance and Single-Author Control

The Modulign Standard is currently an open specification controlled by one author. No government, corporation, or institution controls it. The governance transition roadmap (Document 2 of this publication) commits to multi-stakeholder governance before any institutional mandate.

No entity will be able to unilaterally alter the Standard's privacy protections, consent requirements, or boundary conditions after governance transition — those decisions will require multi-stakeholder consensus by the terms of the published roadmap.

Contact and Accountability

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Every concern receives a direct response.

Modulign™ is a trademark of Vincent Gonzalez. The Standard is published as an open specification, free to implement without license or fee. Implementations must not misrepresent compliance with this specification.

DOCUMENT 2

Modulign Governance Roadmap

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This document is a public commitment. It is not a legal contract. It is the founder's word, in writing, before it is tested.

Where Governance Stands Today

The Modulign Standard v3.0 was authored solely by Vincent Gonzalez, independent scholar. The canonical Modulign Observation Registry is operated by Vincent Gonzalez. The trademarks Modulign™ and MGN™ are owned by Vincent Gonzalez.

This is the correct structure for a specification in its founding phase: one author, one voice, one point of accountability. It is not the correct permanent structure for a standard intended to serve as infrastructure for legal evidence across multiple jurisdictions and institutions.

This document commits to the transition.

Phase 1 — Founding Phase

Current through first institutional deployment

VINCENT GONZALEZ RETAINS

- Sole authorship of the specification
- Control of the canonical registry
- Trademark ownership (Modulign™, MGN™)
- All commercial rights to the registry implementation ecosystem

VINCENT GONZALEZ COMMITS TO

- Publishing all specification versions as open access

- Maintaining the public comment process for version proposals
- Responding to all compliance questions within 30 days
- Not amending core privacy provisions, consent requirements, or evidentiary boundary conditions without a 90-day public comment period

Phase 2 — Advisory Council Formation

Following first institutional adoption

A Modulign Standards Advisory Council will be formed comprising:

1. The founding institutional partners — maximum five seats
2. Two independent academic representatives with expertise in epistemology or evidence law
3. One representative from a recognized standards body (ISO, ANSI, BSI, or equivalent)
4. The author as permanent chair

PHASE 2 AUTHORITY

The Advisory Council has NO binding authority in Phase 2.

Function: structured input on MINOR version proposals and preparation of governance documentation required for Phase 3.

Phase 3 — Multi-Stakeholder Governance

Target: within 36 months of first institutional adoption

The Modulign Standard's specification governance will transfer to a formally constituted multi-stakeholder body — structured as a standards development organization under ANSI accreditation or equivalent.

PHASE 3 AUTHORITY

MINOR version changes: majority vote of governing body

MAJOR version changes: supermajority + 90-day public comment

Vincent Gonzalez RETAINS IN PERPETUITY:

- Modulign™ and MGN™ trademarks

- Commercial rights to canonical registry ecosystem
- Permanent recognition as founding author

These are not governance rights and do not transfer.

What Does Not Change Under Any Governance Structure

The following provisions are encoded in the Standard's core architecture. They are not governance decisions. They cannot be removed by any vote:

- The Standard remains an open specification, free to implement
- The RES domain consent requirements
- The ^PROV exclusionary rule
- The append-only nature of ^EVID records
- The boundary conditions of Section 30 (what Modulign cannot classify)
- Public access to the canonical registry's node records

Succession

SUCCESSION PROTOCOL

In the event of the author's incapacitation or death prior to Phase 3 governance transfer:

- The Standard and canonical registry pass to a designated trust
- The trust charter preserves all public commitments in this document
- Trustee designation is documented in a separate instrument
- Updated annually

The Standard's open publication ensures any compliant implementation can continue operating regardless of registry status.

This document is updated when circumstances require it.
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